

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
2 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

3 IN RE COMPLIANCE WITH
4 RCW 42.17

PDC CASE NO. 03-156

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

5 MARTY MICHALSON

6 Respondent.

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8 **INTRODUCTION**

9 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission)
10 on March 25, 2003. Commissioners present included Michael Connelly, Chair, Susan Brady,
11 Vice Chair, Lois Clement, Secretary, Francis Martin and Earl Tilly. Also present were PDC
12 Executive Director Vicki Rippie, PDC Assistant Director Susan Harris, Senior Assistant
13 Attorney General Linda A. Dalton and Assistant Attorney General Nancy Krier. Susan Harris,
14 representing PDC Staff, presented the Commission with an oral summary of the findings
15 resulting from complaints filed against the Respondent alleging violations of RCW 42.17.120.
16 Respondent did not appear and was not represented by legal counsel. Advance notice of the
17 meeting and this matter were posted on the PDC's website. The Commission also reviewed the
18 Report of Investigation in the matter, and the PDC Staff recommendations. The Commission
19 hereby enters the following findings of fact, conclusion of law and order:

20 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 21 1. Marty Michalson was a candidate in the 1999 Des Moines City Council election.
- 22 2. On September 23, 1999, Mr. Michalson reported receiving a check in the amount of
- 23 \$2,000 from Denis Bryant.
- 24 3. On September 16, 1999, Mr. Bryant received a check from Environmental Materials
- 25 Transport, LLC, signed by Hank Hopkins for \$2,000 to cover the cost of the
- 26 contribution Mr. Bryant made to Mr. Michalson.

- 1 4. Mr. Michalson reported receiving a check on October 22, 1999, in the amount of \$350
2 from Ginger Marshall.
- 3 5. On October 22, 1999, Ms. Marshall received reimbursement for the contribution from
4 Catherine Boshaw.
- 5 6. Mr. Michalson reported receiving a check on October 22, 1999, in the amount of \$250
6 from Dixie Collett.
- 7 7. The check received by Mr. Michalson was actually signed by Gary Collett, Dixie
8 Collett's spouse.
- 9 8. On December 22, 1999, Gary Collett was reimbursed for the contribution from his
10 employer Monarch Enterprises, a business owned by Elling Halvorson.
- 11 9. No evidence was found that Mr. Michalson was aware that Mr. Bryant, Ms. Marshall
12 or Mr. Collett were not the true contributors of the funds.

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14 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

15 The Commission finds that the Respondent did not violate RCW 42.17.120.

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17 **ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

18 By a unanimous vote, the Commission dismissed the allegations against Marty
19 Michalson.

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21 DATED THIS ____ day of April, 2003.

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23 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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26 VICKI RIPPIE, Executive Director